

FIRE ARMS MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

*A statement of the private establishments at which fire arms are manufactured for the Government of the United States, &c.*

DECEMBER 13, 1842.

Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

WAR DEPARTMENT, December 7, 1842.

SIR: In answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 30th of August last, requiring "the Secretary of War to furnish to the House, at the beginning of the next session, a statement setting forth the number of private establishments at which fire arms are manufactured for the Government, where situated, and at what prices the contracts have been taken for the last ten years up to the present time, the number of arms annually fabricated within that period, and the annual cost;" and "a statement of the amount, in number and value, of the fire arms in deposit at the various arsenals and depots, the number of men employed at each during the last two years, the number and grade of officers stationed there, and the amount of money disbursed at each, within the same period, annually," I respectfully transmit, herewith, a report of the officer in charge of the Ordnance bureau, which, it is believed, contains all the information required by the resolution.

I have also to state that orders have been given to the adjutant general of the army "hereafter to annex to the annual register of the army an accurate schedule of the pay and emoluments, with the commutation value thereof, to which the various officers of the army of each grade are entitled," as required by the resolution.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. C. SPENCER.

HON. JOHN WHITE,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ORDNANCE OFFICE,

*Washington, December, 5, 1842.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit, herewith, two tabular statements embracing the information called for by a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 30th of August last.

Statement A shows the number of private establishments at which fire arms are manufactured for the Government, where situated, at what prices the contracts have been taken for the last ten years, the number of arms annually fabricated within that period, and the annual cost.

Statement B shows the number and value of the fire arms in deposite at the various arsenals and depots, the number of men employed at each during the last two years, the number and grade of officers stationed there, and the amount of money disbursed at each, within the same period, annually.

The resolution is herewith returned.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

G. TALCOTT,

*Lieut. Colonel Ordnance.*

Hon. J. C. SPENCER,

*Secretary of War.*

A.

*Statement of the number of private establishments at which fire arms are manufactured for the Government, where situated, and at what prices the contracts have been taken for the last ten years; the number of arms annually fabricated within that period, and the annual cost.*

Number of private establishments, and where situated.	Years.	At what prices the contracts have been taken.					The number of arms annually fabricated.					Annual cost, including appendages, packing boxes, and transportation from the factories to the nearest arsenals.
		Muskets.	Hall's rifles.	Common rifles.	Hall's carbines.	Pistols.	Muskets.	Hall's rifles.	Common rifles.	Hall's carbines.	Pistols.	
Three at Philadelphia Three at Middletown, Conn. One at New Haven, Conn. One at Millbury, Mass. One at Pittsfield, Mass.	1833	\$12 25	\$17 50	-	-	-	10,440	900	-	-	-	\$144,174 90
	1834	12 25	17 50	-	\$20 00	-	9,980	540	-	1,028	-	152,603 22
	1835	12 25	17 50	-	-	-	8,400	820	-	-	-	117,723 20
	1836	12 25	17 50	-	18 00	\$9 00	7,290	700	-	501	350	115,068 34
	1837	12 25	-	-	18 00	9 00	5,900	-	-	1,582	5,150	148,828 43
	1838	12 25	-	-	18 00	9 00	6,400	-	-	1,920	12,550	228,422 68
	1839	12 25	-	-	18 00	9 00	5,820	-	-	2,132	8,700	190,187 68
	1840	12 25	-	\$14 50	18 00	7 50	2,210	-	340	1,501	6,900	123,411 70
		16 00 new	pattern	-	-	-	600	-	-	-	-	
	1841	12 25	-	14 50	18 00	7 50	1,740	-	3,520	2,160	6,000	178,045 93
		16 00 new	pattern	-	-	-	1,200	-	-	-	-	
	1842	12 25	-	14 50	18 50	7 50	900	-	2,200	1,340	4,500	124,153 21
		16 00 new	pattern	-	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	
		14 75 new	pattern	-	-	-	1,100	-	-	-	-	
							62,280	2,960	6,060	12,164	44,150	1,522,619 34

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G. TALCOTT, *Lieut. Col. Ordnance.*

ORDNANCE OFFICE, WASHINGTON, December 5, 1842.



Statement of the number and value of the fire arms in deposite at the various arsenals and depots, the number of men employed at each during the last two years, the number and grade of officers stationed there, and the amount of money disbursed at each, within the same period, annually.

ARSENALS AND DEPOTS.	Fire arms in deposite 30th September, 1842.								Average number of men employed through each year.				Officers, 1841.					Officers, 1842.					Amount of money disbursed.			
	Muskets.		Rifles.		Carbines.		Pistols.		1841.		1842.		Majors.	Captains.	1st lieut's.	2d lieut's.	Storekeepers.	Majors.	Captains.	1st lieut's.	2d lieut's.	Storekeepers.	1841.		1842.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Enlist- ed.	Hired.	Enlist- ed.	Hired.											Dolls.	Cts.	Dolls.	Cts.
Allegany - - -	43,268	\$562,484 00	608	\$10,536 50	38	\$684 00	5,507	\$49,556 00	35	18	35	12	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	24,243	19	20,044	79
Appalachicola - -	4,777	61,561 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	1	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3,647	69	5,584	70
Augusta, Georgia -	20,839	258,988 63	1,608	26,678 80	380	4,940 00	981	8,348 00	5	13	7	18	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	11,594	26	10,503	64
Baton Rouge - - -	14,895	192,816 00	2,480	33,839 00	52	910 00	2,531	22,229 00	13	13	13	16	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	25,685	19	23,567	93
Bellona - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Champlain - - -	4,075	33,198 00	401	6,897 20	-	-	-	-	3	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charleston, South Carolina -	6,501	78,988 25	602	10,232 00	20	350 00	1,164	10,476 00	-	10	-	10	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1,055	11	395	17
Detroit - - -	10,524	129,918 00	628	10,588 80	100	1,750 00	174	1,552 00	4	10	5	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	3,451	03	5,606	16
Fort Monroe - - -	1,589	17,012 00	88	1,406 04	26	455 00	54	482 00	13	37	13	47	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	5,889	25	2,195	21
Frankford - - -	30,042	389,722 00	3,405	55,246 40	464	8,029 00	525	4,700 00	13	1	13	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	30,829	43	47,346	34
Kennebeck - - -	41,087	533,910 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	8	11	4	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	6,136	40	2,913	78
Little Rock - - -	8,236	107,068 00	1,486	25,559 20	-	-	500	4,500 00	3	10	3	6	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	5,493	85	2,293	98
Missouri - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	33,509	66	6,792	68
Mount Vernon - - -	20,071	260,903 00	1,239	20,893 20	-	-	780	7,020 00	12	9	13	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1,680	67	3,654	15
New York - - -	6,472	84,136 00	2,301	34,774 00	2,976	53,900 00	5,302	47,718 00	-	16	-	20	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	13,320	23	4,521	24
North Carolina - -	9,640	125,320 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	31	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	14,442	64	13,872	59
Pikesville - - -	2,795	21,255 00	325	5,200 00	-	-	-	-	5	3	5	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	22,263	38	21,709	22
Rome - - -	4,078	40,438 00	-	-	-	-	81	255 00	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	4,162	08	1,917	93
St. Louis - - -	53,144	683,364 80	2,355	38,317 00	362	6,335 00	4,135	30,935 50	26	12	26	11	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	269	15	673	85	
Washington - - -	38,427	447,520 00	1,592	25,547 56	138	2,415 00	114	912 00	30	37	33	48	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	13,499	96	11,240	37
Watertown - - -	46,074	594,153 00	102	1,633 20	-	-	162	1,266 00	17	6	17	4	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	47,858	47	67,479	66
Watervliet - - -	99,727	1,285,428 20	998	10,517 96	48	495 00	1,310	11,790 00	35	115	35	123	1	-	-	2	1	1	-	1	2	1	8,443	96	8,850	13
Small depots in Florida -	434	5,642 00	278	4,444 00	117	2,047 50	270	2,430 00	5	4	5	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	110,445	52	122,598	38
Rock Island depot - -	1,000	13,000 00	100	1,600 00	100	1,750 00	100	900 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3,395	72	2,484	62
Fort Winnebago depot -	1,000	13,000 00	100	1,600 00	100	1,750 00	100	900 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	182	55
Springfield armory - -	175,118	2,059,998 00	105	1,591 00	753	6,170 00	1,053	3,310 00	-	257	-	236	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	216,793	78	155,940	07
Harper's Ferry armory -	26,699	347,015 00	4,117	65,709 84	1,265	22,137 50	8	57 00	-	316	-	278	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	255,382	72	152,536	54
Total - - -	670,512	8,391,838 93	24,918	397,811 70	6,939	114,118 00	24,851	209,336 50	238	946	245	887	4	9	5	6	19	4	10	4	7	22	863,617	29	694,905	68

The numbers of such only are above stated as are reported in the inventories as *complete*, whether new or repaired; and those repaired are valued less than the new, in proportion to their condition.

ORDNANCE OFFICE, WASHINGTON, December 5, 1842.

G. TALCOTT, Lieut. Col. Ordnance.